

Proclamation 4730 of March 5, 1980

Teacher Day, USA

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

The great strength of America lies in its people, educated in the most comprehensive and open system of public education the world has ever known.

We have an enormous stake in this system, and the key to it is the American teacher. The men and women who staff our schools spend countless hours inspiring, encouraging, informing, and preparing young people for the future. Their hard work is a lifelong gift. Behind every successful adult, there is usually a teacher who was an inspiration for excellence.

Sadly, there has never been a national observance of the profound debt we owe our Nation's teachers. There is no time each year when we can bestow the individual recognition, honor, and encouragement our teachers richly deserve.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate March 7, 1980, as "Teacher Day, United States of America."

I ask all Americans to communicate their personal appreciation, by word and deed, to present and former teachers who have enriched their lives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fifth day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fourth.

JIMMY CARTER

Proclamation 4731 of March 7, 1980

Cancer Control Month

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

One in four Americans now living will eventually develop cancer.

While emphasis on early detection and treatment of cancer has saved thousands of lives, the ultimate answers lie in its prevention. Efforts to discover the cause of this disease and to create ways to thwart its development are advancing on several fronts.

Many scientists maintain that our preventive efforts should be primarily environmental. They believe that many types of cancer will prove to be preventable through the identification and control of carcinogenic factors in our surroundings.

At the same time, we must pursue other areas of research as well. The search for new diagnostic and treatment techniques must continue as re-

lently as in the past. In 1980, about 785,000 people will be diagnosed as having cancer. More than 400,000 will die of the disease.

42 USC 201 note. The National Cancer Act, which became law in 1971, has fostered programs in all aspects of cancer research. Many programs have been created to ensure that newly found knowledge from the research sector is transferred into the daily practice of medicine.

36 USC 150. As a means of focusing continued attention on the problem of cancer, the Congress, by joint resolution of March 28, 1938 (52 Stat. 148), has requested the President to issue an annual proclamation setting aside the month of April as Cancer Control Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 1980, as Cancer Control Month. I encourage the American people to meet the challenge of this critical health problem. I ask the medical and health professions, the communications industries, and all other interested citizens to unite in public reaffirmation of our Nation's abiding commitment to cancer control.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this seventh day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fourth.

JIMMY CARTER

Proclamation 4732 of March 10, 1980

Pan American Day and Pan American Week, 1980

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

During the past years, the peoples of the Americas have asserted with renewed determination their ideals of peace with freedom, cooperation with mutual respect, and unity with individual dignity. The people of the United States of America reaffirm their belief in this spirit each year on Pan American Day.

As the nations of the Americas enter the decade of the 1980's, their peoples confidently seek a future of economic growth and social change that will surpass past achievements. This goal will be realized if the fruits of that growth are shared fairly and if tranquility among nations of the area is preserved.

We look to the Organization of American States, whose anniversary we will observe on April 14, to continue to produce an environment of understanding, mutual respect, and dedication to the common goals that have inspired the true leaders of the hemisphere throughout its history. The stewardship of the Organization of American States in the past year has helped democracy reassert itself when threatened and has revitalized concern for human rights and needs.

Thus, on this Pan American Day of 1980, the United States of America salutes the countries of the hemisphere, and reaffirms its solidarity to the ideals and principles that underlie their cooperative efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Monday, April 14, 1980, as Pan American Day